

	<h2>Annual Crab Market Report</h2>	<p>U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Sustainable Fisheries Division P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (800) 304-4846 toll free / (907) 586-7228 in Juneau (907) 586-7354 fax</p> 
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The Crab Arbitration Organization must provide its members with a copy of the contracts for the Market Analyst, Formula Arbitrator, and Contract Arbitrator for each fishery in which the member participates.

The Market Analyst must produce a Market Report from a survey of the market for crab products produced by the fishery and must include only publicly available data and information. An annual Market Report is produced for each crab quota share (QS) fishery unless it is anticipated that the crab QS fishery will not open for fishing during a crab fishing year.

The purpose of the Market Report is to provide background information on each crab fishery, the products generated by each fishery, and position of those products in the marketplace. The Market Report also must discuss the historical division of wholesale revenue and provide a methodology for predicting wholesale prices before the fishery occurs. The Market Report examines trends in both ex-vessel prices and trends in wholesale prices. The Market Reports are due just before the season opens, so it is known in advance if a fishery is going to open or not. The number of annual reports is dependent upon how many crab fisheries are open. If a crab fishery is closed, a report is not required.

Due Date: 50 days prior to the first crab fishing season for each crab QS fishery

The Market Report shall consider the following factors:

- Current ex-vessel prices, including ex-vessel prices received for crab harvested under Class A IFQ, Class B IFQ, and CVC IFQ permits;
- Consumer and wholesale product prices for the processing sector and the participants in the arbitration (recognizing the impact of sales to affiliates on wholesale pricing);
- Innovations and developments of the harvesting and processing sectors and the participants in the arbitration (including new product forms);
- Efficiency and productivity of the harvesting and processing sectors (recognizing the limitations on efficiency and productivity arising out of the management program structure);
- Quality (including quality standards of markets served by the fishery and recognizing the influence of harvest strategies on the quality of landings);
- The interest of maintaining financially healthy and stable harvesting and processing sectors;
- Safety and expenditures for ensuring adequate safety;
- Timing and location of deliveries; and
- The cost of harvesting and processing less than the full IFQ or IPQ allocation (underages) to avoid penalties for overharvesting IFQ and a mechanism for reasonably accounting for deadloss.

The Market Analyst must submit documents and reports to NMFS as follows:

by mail to NMFS Regional Administrator
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, AK 99802

by courier to NMFS
709 West 9th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Or, by fax to

907-586-7465

In addition, the Market Analyst must provide the Market Report to:

- ◆ Each Arbitration Organization in that fishery
- ◆ Formula Arbitrator, and
- ◆ Contract Arbitrator(s) for the fishery

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NMFS, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form, please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 680, under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, et seq.) and under 16 U.S.C. 1862(j); 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.
